
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

H-5463 HAS BEEN POSTPONED AT SPONSOR'S REQUEST

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Monday, March 8, 2021

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room 35 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5462](#)

BY Edwards, Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY {LC711/1}

(Provides that the trapping and subsequent release of any unowned feral or free roaming cat for the purpose of spaying or neutering of the cat shall not be considered abandonment.)

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/01/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/05/2021 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5431](#)

BY Ackerman, Chippendale, Hawkins, Baginski, McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RESTROOM ACCESS ACT

{LC512/1} (Requires retail establishments with 3 or more employees on the premises without accessible public restroom to allow customers suffering from eligible conditions access to their employee restrooms.)

02/08/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/01/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/05/2021 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. [5019](#)

BY Lombardi, Potter, Morales

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND ASSESS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN IMPROVED

MEDICARE-FOR-ALL-TYPE SINGLE PAYER PROGRAM IN THE STATE OF RHODE

ISLAND {LC16/1} (Creates a 19 member commission to study and assess implementing an

improved Medicare-for-all-type single payer program in RI, and who would report back to the

Senate and House 1 year from the date of passage, and expire 2 years from the date of passage.)

01/13/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

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02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5373](#)

BY Carson, McNamara, Ackerman, Ruggiero, Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY --

CEMETERIES--CEMETERY PERPETUAL FUNDS REPORTING {LC655/1} (Requires 25% of price of cemetery lot be deposited in perpetual care fund (PCF). PCF to file annual report with AG.)

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5375](#)

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Ruggiero, Donovan, Caldwell, Knight, Perez, Casimiro, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES {LC802/1} (Increases mandatory insurance coverage for hearing aids from \$1,500 to \$2,000, per ear, every three (3) years. In addition, the amount of insurance coverage would no longer be based on the age of the recipient.)

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5441](#)

BY Speakman, Casey, Ruggiero, Donovan, Kislak, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE

COVERAGE {LC1140/1} (Requires individual health insurers, large group health insurers and small employer health insurers to provide coverage for ten (10) categories of essential health benefits listed in the act.)

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/28/2021 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

02/28/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5460](#)

BY Edwards, Kazarian, Williams, Alzate, Felix, Kislak, Ruggiero, Caldwell, McEntee, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- SEXUAL ASSAULT

EVIDENCE KITS {LC858/1} (Requires any entity that receives, maintains, stores or preserves sexual assault evidence kits to submit a report to the department of health, annually, setting forth the total number of untested kits in possession of such entity.)

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/26/2021 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5461](#)

BY Edwards, Kennedy, Tobon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES {LC719/1} (Requires that a participant or beneficiary incur no greater out-of-pocket costs for emergency services than they would have incurred with an in-network provider other than in-network cost sharing.)

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5463](#)

~~BY McGaw, Vella-Wilkinson, Baginski, Fellela, Alzate, Shekarchi, Kislak, Ackerman, Ajello, Cassar~~

~~ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR EPINEPHRINE INJECTORS {LC1119/1} (Requires group health plans and health insurance issuers that provide prescription benefits to cover prescribed epinephrine injectors and cartridges. No copayment or deductible would be required to obtain a prescribed epinephrine injector or cartridge.)~~

~~02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services~~

~~03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

House Bill No. [5464](#)

BY Williams, Messier, Ajello, Vella-Wilkinson, Felix, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES {LC169/1} (Mandates a patient shall not be denied appropriate care on the basis of age/sex/gender identity/sexual orientation, race/color/marital status/familial status/disability/religion/national origin/source of income/source of payment or profession.)

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5494](#)

BY Ackerman, McNamara, Ajello, Potter, Morales, Filippi, Henries, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DRUG COST TRANSPARENCY {LC1267/1} (Provides drug cost transparency by requiring reports be submitted by drug manufacturers, pharmacy benefit managers and health benefit plan insurers to the director of the department of business regulation regarding drug prices and increases the prices.)

02/11/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5543](#)

BY Speakman, McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - RIGHTS OF NURSING HOME PATIENTS {LC1111/1} (Department of health to promulgate rules and regulations for essential caregivers at nursing homes during a declared emergency.)

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5544](#)

BY Fogarty, Shallcross Smith, Fenton-Fung, Tanzi, Carson, Henries, Speakman, Donovan, McEntee, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE {LC204/1} (Includes in the definition of unprofessional conduct performing a pelvic examination without consent of an anesthetized or unconscious female patient.)

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5545](#)

BY Casimiro, Alzate, Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES {LC121/1} (Authorizes certified nurse practitioners to sign a written certification stating that in their professional opinion, the potential benefits of use of medical marijuana to their patient outweigh their potential health risks.)

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5546](#)

BY Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE {LC1640/1} (Increases reimbursement rates for behavioral health providers.)

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5547](#)

BY Nardone, Chippendale, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PATIENT VISITATION RIGHTS {LC1639/1} (Entitles all residents of health care and assisted living facilities, nursing homes, group homes and veterans' homes, to designate a person to provide them with companionship, personal health care guidance and advocacy.)

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5548](#)

BY Casimiro, Noret, Vella-Wilkinson, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH {LC88/1} (Regulates the manufacture, distribution and retail sale of vapor products in Rhode Island.)

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5549](#)

BY Casimiro, Noret, McGaw, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES {LC1043/1} (Prohibits licensed health care facilities from reusing personal protective equipment.)

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5763](#)

BY Kazarian, Kislak, Fogarty, Alzate, Potter, Casimiro, Henries, Handy, Felix, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC1446/1} (Prohibits insurance companies from varying the premium rates charged for a health coverage plan based on the gender of the individual policy holder, enrollee, subscriber, or member.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

02/28/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5843](#)

BY Cassar, Kislak, Ajello, Cortvriend, Donovan, Speakman, Tanzi, Messier, Casimiro, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE {LC1893/1} (Requires individual health insurers, large group health insurers and small employer health insurers to provide coverage for ten (10) categories of essential health benefits listed in the act.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5651](#)

BY Kislak, Speakman, Cassar, Donovan, Tanzi, Felix, Morales, Giraldo, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES -- LIFETIME LIMITS {LC233/1} (Revokes the authority of the health insurance commissioner's ability to enforce a ruling of the federal government or federal court that revokes the prohibition on limits on health insurance.)

02/23/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

The State House remains closed to in-person testimony.

The meeting will be televised on Capitol Television, which can be seen on Cox Channels 15, and 61, in high definition on Cox Channel 1061, on Full Channel on Channel 15 and on Channel 34 by Verizon subscribers.

It will also be live streamed at <http://rilegislature.gov/CapTV/Pages/default.aspx> .

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Written testimony is strongly encouraged and may be submitted via
HouseHealthandHumanServices@rilegislature.gov

**Indicate your name, bill number, and viewpoint (for/against/neither) at top of message.
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DEADLINE: Written testimony should be submitted no later than three (3) hours prior to the posted meeting time. Every effort will be made to share written testimony submitted before the deadline with committee members prior to the hearing. Testimony received after deadline will be sent to committee members and posted to the website as soon as possible.

For faster processing, it is recommended that testimony is submitted as a PDF file.

**Testimony will be posted on the General Assembly website,
<http://www.rilegislature.gov/Special/comdoc/Pages/HHHS.aspx> .**

VERBAL TESTIMONY

For verbal testimony requests, [CLICK HERE](#)

Verbal testimony accepted on any bill scheduled for "Hearing and/or Consideration" only

DEADLINE: Requests for verbal testimony must be submitted via the link, by 11:00 AM on Monday, March 8, 2021.

The committee is unable to designate a specific time that you will be called. In the event you are unavailable when called, witnesses are urged to submit written testimony.

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